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For. APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING RESISTIVITY OF ULTRA

PURE WATER

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

December 19, 2001

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated **October 26, 2001**, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and the Claim for Priority for the above-identified patent application.

Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$954.00, for the government filing fee of \$740.00, \$84.00 for additional independent claims fee, and \$130.00 for filing the last Declaration. In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event that this response is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. This paper is filed in triplicate.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Enclosures: Notice; Declaration; Claim for Priority (2)



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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$80.
 - \$80 for 1 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 920.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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